

August 5, 2008

**Special Meeting
Tompkins County Legislature
August 5, 2008**

Approved 8-19-08

Call to Order

Chair Koplinka-Loehr called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Members

Present: 14 Legislators (Legislator Mackesey arrived at 5:35 p.m.); Excused: 1 (Legislator Randall).

Appointment of Director of Probation and Community Justice

Mr. Whicher, County Administrator, on behalf of the Search Committee is recommending the appointment of Pat Buechel as the Director of the Probation and Community Justice Department for the Legislature's confirmation.

It was MOVED by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, to confirm the appointment of Pat Buechel as the Director of the Probation and Community Justice Department. At this time, Legislators were given the opportunity to read a memorandum distributed just prior to the meeting.

Ms. Mackesey arrived at this time.

Mr. Proto said he has been disappointed in the past with the flow of information regarding alternatives-to-incarceration programs and the cost effectiveness with them. Ms. Buechel assured Mr. Proto that she will work with the Legislature, answer questions, and provide information as requested.

Further discussion followed concerning the memorandum and it was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to hold an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 1 (Legislator Herrera), Excused – 1 (Legislator Randall). MOTION CARRIED. An executive session was held at 5:39 p.m. and returned to open session at 5:51 p.m.

A voice vote resulted as follows on the appointment of Pat Buechel as the Director of the Probation and Community Justice Department: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator Randall). MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution from the Budget and Capital Committee

**RESOLUTION NO. 158 – APPROPRIATION FROM CONTINGENT FUND AND
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-
YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE TOMPKINS
COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ITHACA, NEW YORK**

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, seconded by Ms. Herrera. In response to questions, Mr. Whicher provided an update on the lease agreement and some of the specifics in the contract. Ms. Kiefer asked what the status was of the subleasing proposal previously discussed. Mr. Whicher said he was unable to receive an agreement from the Federal government in time for this lease agreement to take effect and meet the needs of the Board of Elections. He continues to work on the proposal for subleasing but it will not happen immediately. Mr. Burbank asked about the level of security and Mr. Whicher said a security tracking system is being put in place that will track who and when someone is coming in or out of the building.

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A short roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator Randall).
RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections has a need of a secure dry space to store electronic ballot marking devices (voting machines) and additional space for training Election Commissioners on the new devices, and

WHEREAS, the ICS Press site on Hanshaw Road in the Town of Dryden was identified as the best fit for this purpose, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget and Capital Committee, That the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the following budget appropriation for the lease agreement with the landlord, Schug Realty, LLC, for the period of July 2008, through July 2013:

FROM:	A1990.54440	Contingent Fund	\$48,118.60
TO:	1621.54432	Program Expense (Rent)	\$36,958.80
	1621.54432	Program Expense (Utilities & Maintenance)	\$ 5,000.00
	1621.54432	Program Expense (Security Deposit)	\$ 6,159.80

RESOLVED, further, That the Utilities/Rent budget (1621) be increased each year as follows:

Year	Rent	Utilities & Maintenance	Budget Increase
2009	\$38,622	10,000	\$48,622
2010	40,360	10,000	50,360
2011	42,176	10,000	52,176
2012	44,176	10,000	54,176

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Recess

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr declared recess for Legislators to hold a budget retreat. A recess was held at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

Executive Session

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to hold an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 13, Noes – 1 (Legislator Herrera), Excused – 1 (Legislator Randall). MOTION CARRIED. An executive session was held at 7:48 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:52 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.